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SUBJECT: VISIT BY PARK CHOONG HOON TO US

1. PRESIDENT KOREA TRADE ASSOCIATION,
PARK CHOONG HOON LEFT SUDDENLY LAST EVENING FOR
THIRTY HOUR VISIT TO US. PARK VISIT ARRANGED
AFTER LATE AFTERNOON MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PARK.
WE UNDERSTAND FROM PARK'S OFFICE THAT PRESIDENT
PARK GAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO PROCEED TO US TO EXPLAIN
EMERGENCY MEASURE NUMBER 9, AND TO ASSURE AMERICAN
PARTICIPANTS IN KOREAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING
THAT DECREE WILL NOT AFFECT PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL
MEETINGS IN SEOUL NEXT WEEK. COMMENT: PARK CHOONG
HOON WAS AWARE OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN'S CONCERN
REGARDING POTENTIAL INCREASED THREAT FROM NORTH, WHICH
AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN HERE POINTED OUT TO HIM
WOULD BE INCREASED BY EMERGENCY DECREE NUMBER 9.
WE SPECULATE THAT HE MAY HAVE CONVEYED THESE
CONCERNS, WHICH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NAM ALSO
AWARE OF, TO PRESIDENT PARK WHO THEN ORDERED HIM
TO TAKE HURRIED VISIT TO US.
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